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1. The Donnai forces of the Democratic Republic of Vietnam were divided on 27 December 1951, because of supply difficulties. At the present time the forces have been divided into three regiments: the 306, 307 and 302 Regiments. The 306 Regiment is concentrated in the Thanh Tuyen-Thanh An and Long Quyen areas (in the Thu Dau Mot-Ben Cat region). The 307 Regiment has retired to Interzone VIII.
2. The 302 Regiment has been the most favored of the regiments. It has superior armament and is comprised of six battalions: four shock battalions, one staff battalion and one artillery battalion which is equipped with two cannons and two rocket launchers (sic).
3. The four shock battalions have the following equipment:

9 x light machine guns

3 x 60 mm mortars

1 x heavy machine gun

The rest of the equipment consists of English or ~~American~~ rifles.

4. The effective force of the 302 Regiment is now more than 1,000 men and the staff is as follows:

2. Xuan Luou is commander of the regiment and also its political commissar. He was formerly political commissar for all the Donnai forces.

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- b. Minh Tam is deputy political commissar. He was previously second-in-command of the Donnai forces.
- c. Thuan (fnu) is deputy commander of the regiment.
- d. Bui Xuan Cuon is another deputy commander and commands the artillery.
- e. Trung (fnu) is another deputy of the commander.

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1. Comment. There was no explanation of the nature of the supply difficulties.

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